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Applicant : Alain Tornier  
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Docket No.: 14387

Honorable Commissioner of Patents  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

AMENDMENT

Sir:

In response to the Initial Office Action on the merits mailed October 15, 2004, the following is submitted:  
**Amendments to the Specification** begin on page 2 of this paper.  
**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this paper.  
**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 7 of this paper.